April 12th, 2011 **Meeting Minutes** Davis School District Professional Development Center

Agenda Items

- 1. Common Core Text Complexity Moya Kessig, USOE G/T specialist, presented on the role text complexity plays in the common core reading standards. A review of current researching indicates a decline in the level of text complexity in textbooks in the last thirty years. Elements of text complexity: qualitative, quantitative and reader and task considerations were discussed. The importance of students' motivation, knowledge and experience is an area where the teacher's professional judgment is crucial in choosing an appropriate text. There was a discussion about high ability students and their need for text complexity and task complexity.
- 2. Common Core Curriculum Maps The Gates Foundation has developed curriculum maps that align to the common core standards in English/ Language Arts (www.commoncore.org). The third grade curriculum map was reviewed with the group, identifying all the key components that are included in every map K-12 grades. Every standard is covered in the curriculum maps, they do not include the following:

strategies for differentiating instruction, scope in sequence, samples of students work, scoring rubrics and lesson plans.

- 1. **Book Study Group** Coordinators broke up into groups to discuss Best Practices in Gifted Education, chapters 1-4. The following questions were purposed in the groups:
 - a. Is the evidence on a particular practice convincing?
 - b. Do we know enough about this practice to use it with our students?
 - c. Is the research that is offered strong and compelling?
 - d. What do we need to know more about?
 - e. How will this information impact my practice?
- 3. Legislative Update The change in Utah Code 53A-17a-165, Enhancement for Accelerated Student Programs, required USOE to consult with districts and charter to provide input on funding allocations and performance indicators of effective programs. As information becomes available, USOE will update the coordinators.
- Intermountain Conference on the Education of the Gifted and Talented June 13-14. To register visit: http://giftedconference.org
- 3. Intermountain AP Summer Institute Davis School District. June 11-14. To register visit: http://bit.ly/intermountainAPSI

The next meeting will be held May 4th, 2011 at Nebo School District. Further information will e-mailed to GT Coordinators. Please remember to read chapters 5 and 6 for book study.

Thanks to Sheri for hosting the meeting!!!!

